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Study Report on the Welfare of Women

2689. SHRIMAT BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the centenary year of women welfare, the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administraiton has conducted a study report;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether the Government have examined the recommendations made in the study report;

(d) whether the Government propose to give any new package for women's welfare; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFARS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (MS. MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The National Institute of Educational Planning and Adminsitration, New Delhi has brought out a Study Report titled "Women & Development" during 1990.

The Report is based on district level data and covers various aspects of the levels of well being of women such as education, demography, nuptiality, fertility, economic activities, etc. The main findings of the Report are :

(i) that though the country has made significant progress in various spheres of women's development, there is still a great deal to be done.

(ii) that various spheres of women's development are inter related in a system of inter dependency.

(iii) that there are 144 districts which may be referred to as backward with respect to social well being of women.

(iv) that out of these 144 districts as many as 122 are in the 5 States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(v) that the backward districts should get priority in planning for women's development.

(vi) that area specific integrated approaches for women's development are required.

(c) to (e). The report is being made use of in selecting the priority areas to be covered under the Government's existing programmes as well as under its new initiatives for development of women, such as integrated programmes for development of women and establishment of a National Credit Fund for women.

Implementation of India Population Project in Karnataka

2690. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided India population Project is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names of districts included in the Project;

(c) whether the Government of Karna-